STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AMENED REGULATIONS REGARDING LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION

The Executive Director of the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission has under consideration proposed amendments to the **Lead Hazard Mitigation Regulations** dated March 31, 2005. These proposed regulations are promulgated in accordance with Chapter 42-128.1 and 42-35 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, and are established for the purpose of providing regulatory guidelines for property owners with rental dwelling units in order to achieve compliance with the Lead Hazard Mitigation Law.

These new regulations shall repeal and supersede all previous regulations relating to Lead Hazard Mitigation Regulations that have been adopted and promulgated by the Housing Resources Commission and filed with the Secretary of State.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, that a public hearing on the above proposed rules and regulations shall be held on December 14 at 9:00 AM in Conference Room A, the Powers Building (Department of Administration Building), One Capitol Hill, Smith Street, Providence, Rhode Island at which time and place all persons interested will be heard.

In the development of the proposed rules and regulation, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business, as defined in Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, which may result from the regulations. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information.

For the sake of accuracy, it is requested that statements made relative to any aspect of the regulations, including alternative approaches, overlap, or significant economic impact, be submitted in writing at the time of the hearing or mailed prior to the hearing date to: Simon Kue, Housing Resources Coordinator, HRC at 41 Eddy Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903. Oral statements will be considered but should be limited to five minutes each.

Copies of the proposed regulations are available for public inspection at the Housing Resources Commission at 41 Eddy Street, Providence, Rhode Island, by calling Evelyn Quinones at 401-457-1246, or by sending an email to: equinones@rihousing.com. Copies may also be viewed on the Department's website at www.hrc.ri.gov.

The William E. Powers Building is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must call (401) 222-6287 (TDD machine only) forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the hearing date.

Signed this 28 day of October 2005

Noreen Shawcross Executive Director of the RI Housing Resources Commission